



House of Representatives

HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RULES 2005 -2006

1. The quorum for the Governmental Affairs Committee shall be four (4) members.
2. A bill, a resolution, or other matter will be considered only after presentation by its principal author or a legislator whom he or she designates to do so. In the event that more than one member of the General Assembly has signed a measure, the principal author shall be presumed to be the one whose name appears first on the list of authors.
3. The Committee shall convene recess or suspend, and adjourn upon the order of the Chairman.
4. The Chairman shall determine the order in which measures are considered.
5. The Chairman shall determine which subcommittee bills are appointed to and shall appoint a special subcommittee as necessary. Special subcommittees shall serve in the same capacity as a standing subcommittee and shall be appointed only for individual pieces of legislation. .
6. The Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of the full Committee shall be ex-officio voting members of all subcommittees other than a special subcommittee, in which case all voting members shall be appointed at the discretion of the Chair of the full Committee.
7. All subcommittee meetings shall be scheduled with the approval of the Chairman of the full Committee.
8. The Committee will not consider for the first time any measure originating in the House the final week of the session, except upon waiver by the Chairman.
9. The rules of the House will prevail in all matters not covered by Committee rules.
10. These rules may be amended upon motion duly made and subsequently approved by a majority of the members of the Committee.
11. The Secretary of the Committee shall have a copy of these rules distributed to all members of the House.

12. Unless waived by the Chairman, no action will be taken on any bill or resolution assigned to the Committee at the first reading when it is first presented by its author or his/her designee.
13. Unless waived by the Chairman, all committee substitutes and amendments that are being offered for a full committee meeting shall be submitted to the Chairman no less than two hours prior to the meeting.
14. The Chairman shall determine the germaneness of any proposed amendment and or substitute. Same title or same code section shall not be presumed to be the sole precipitating determinate of germaneness.
15. In the event that a meeting is called that is not a regularly scheduled full committee meeting, it will be within the discretion of the Chairman to allow amendments and or substitutes to be presented to the full committee.
16. All regularly scheduled full committee meetings shall be held on Thursday of each week at 1:00 p.m. in Room 216 Capitol Building. It is within the discretion of the Chairman to alter the regularly scheduled full committee meeting schedule.